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SUBJECT: CHINA CAREFULLY CONSIDERING THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS
GROUP DRAFT EXCEPTION FOR INDIA

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[1](#)1. (U) Sensitive but unclassified. Please handle accordingly.

[1](#)2. (SBU) PolOff delivered ref A demarche urging China to support the circulated draft exception for India at the August 21-22 Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) Plenary to MFA Arms Control and Disarmament Department Nuclear Division Deputy Director Dai Huaicheng on August 13. (Note: More senior Chinese Government officials were not available to meet to discuss this issue.) PolOff stressed the critical importance to the United States of completing the U.S.-India Civil Nuclear Cooperation Initiative this year. Completion of the Initiative would bring significant gains to the global nonproliferation regime.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Dai responded that China fully understands the importance of the Initiative to the United States, and said China is considering the NSG exception for India "very carefully." China will consult with "appropriate parties if any questions arise." Dai said China expects to be represented at the NSG Plenary by MFA Arms Control and Disarmament Department Director General Cheng Jingye.
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